

Dear Director Mouritsen:

I hereby file this Protest of the Bureau of Land Management's ("BLM") planned March 2018 Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale and the programmatic Final Environmental Assessment for oil and gas leasing in the Wayne National Forest, Marietta Unit of the Athens Ranger District, Monroe and Noble Counties, Ohio --2 Parcels covering 345.49 acres.

ES-004

39.65 acres in Monroe County

ES-005

305.84 acres in Noble County

PROTEST

I. Protesting Party: Contact Information and Interests

This Protest is filed on behalf of:

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II. Statement of Reasons as to Why the Proposed Lease Sale Is Unlawful:

BLM's proposed decision to lease the parcels listed above is substantively and procedurally flawed for the reasons discussed below:

- 1) Before any allowance of hydraulic fracturing occurs, a full EIS must be completed. The last EIS was completed with only vertical drilling in mind.
- 2) The Wayne National Forest would hasten the destruction of life on earth by contributing to global warming and climate change.
- 3) This hydraulic fracturing uses hundreds of millions of gallons of fresh water and there are no alternatives to fresh water.
- 4) The recent increase of earthquake activity throughout pockets of Ohio where fracturing is occurring is extremely concerning.
- 5) A national forest should not be sacrificed for the above stated reasons.